I CLAIM:

1. A method of removing brake and tire residues from a traveled way, comprising the steps of:

(a) spraying a rubber solvent onto a strip of the traveled way from a sprayer on an advancing vehicle;

(b) rubbing said solvent onto a surface of said strip with rotating brushes located on said advancing vehicle behind said sprayer;

(c) thereafter displacing a water sprayer along said strip and spraying water onto the surface treated with said solvent and said brushes to form a mixture of water and solvent-dissolved and rubbed-off rubber; and

(d) subsequently evacuating said mixture from said surface.

2. The method defined in claim 1 wherein said water sprayer sprays water onto a strip of said surface parallel to the strip being treated with said solvent and rubbed by said brushes and previously treated with said solvent and rubbed by said brushes in a prior pass of said vehicle.

3. The method defined in claim 2 wherein said strips are separated by a further strip of said surface treated with said solvent and rubbed by said brushes and along which the solvent has a residence time in contact with said residues enabling solubilization of rubber of said residues in said solvent.

4. The method defined in claim 1 wherein said water sprayer and a suction head are carried by another vehicle and are displaced over said strip subsequent to the advance of the first-mentioned vehicle thereover.

5. The method defined in claim 1 wherein said strip has a width of about 70 cm.

6. An apparatus for removing brake and tire residues from a traveled way comprising at least one vehicle capable of advancing along a strip of the traveled way;

a solvent sprayer on said vehicle behind said solvent sprayer for spraying a rubber solvent onto said strip of the traveled way;

rotating brushes on said vehicle for rubbing said solvent onto a surface of said strip;

a water sprayer displaceable along said strip for spraying water onto the surface treated with solvent and said brushes to form a mixture of water and solvent-dissolved and rubbed-off rubber; and

a suction head behind said water sprayer for evacuating said mixture from said surface.

7. The apparatus defined in claim 6 wherein said vehicle is a waste-collection vehicle.

8. The apparatus defined in claim 6 wherein said water sprayer is displaced with a lateral offset from said solvent sprayer and said brushes along said surface.

9. The apparatus defined in claim 6 wherein said suction head and said water sprayer are mounted on a vehicle, said suction head being located between said front and rear axles of a vehicle on which said water sprayer and spray head are mounted.

10. The apparatus defined in claim 6 wherein said vehicle on which said water sprayer and suction head are mounted is a waste-collection vehicle having a receptacle receiving said mixture.

11. The apparatus defined in claim 6 wherein said water sprayer and said solvent sprayer and said brushes are mounted at the front of a single vehicle and said water sprayer is offset by at least a width of said strip from said solvent sprayer and said brushes.

12. The apparatus defined in claim 11 wherein said width is substantially 70 cm.

13. The apparatus defined in claim 11 wherein said water sprayer is spaced from said solvent sprayer and said brushes by a gap of a width at least equal to the width of said strip.

14. The apparatus defined in claim 11 wherein said brushes are counter-rotating brushes.

15. The apparatus defined in claim 11 wherein said brushes and said solvent sprayer are provided on at least one support capable of vertical displacement relative to said vehicle.

16. The apparatus defined in claim 15, further comprising means for displacing said brushes toward said surface upon wear of said brushes.

17. The apparatus defined in claim 11, further comprising a heating device connected with at least one of said spreaders for heating a liquid dispensed thereby.

18. The apparatus defined in claim 11 wherein said brushes and said solvent sprayer are provided on an attachment mounted at a front of said vehicle, said vehicle having an operator cabin and behind said cabin a diesel engine for driving at least a suction pump connected to said suction head.

19. The apparatus defined in claim 11, further comprising a blowing head behind said suction head for blowing against said surface.

20. The apparatus defined in claim 11 wherein said water sprayer extends substantially a full width of said vehicle on which said water sprayer is mounted.